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SUBJ: GATT CTIP- TARIFF HARMONIZATION, US COUNTER

REF: STATE 82296 PROPOSAL

1. 1. MISSION PROPOSED TO DUGIMONT OF EC COMMISSION,
ALONG LINES OF REFTEL, THAT EC AGREE IN MAY 10 CTIP
MEETING THAT (A) EC TRADE WITH EFTA ASSOCIATES BE
TREATED AS PREFERENTIAL IN TARIFF STUDY AND (B) THAT
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SECRETARIAT ANALYZE BOTH EC AND US HARMONIZATION PROPOSALS.

2. DUGIMONT RESPONDED THAT HE WOULD TAKE NOTE OF OUR REQUEST BUT THAT HE COULD NOT GIVE A RESPONSE NOW SINCE THE EC POSITION HAS NOT YET BEEN DECIDED AND SINCE ITS DECISION, PARTICULARLY ON POINT A WILL DEPEND TO SOME EXTENT ON THE POSITIONS OF ASSOCIATED COUNTRIES.

3. DUGIMONT CAUTIONED THAT THE US SHOULD NOT ATTACH TOO MUCH IMPORTANCE TO EC HARMONIZATION SUGGESTIONS IN THE TARIFF STUDY WORKING PARTY. THERE ARE NO FORMAL EC PROPOSALS. THE EC PURPOSE IN SUGGESTING WORK BY THE SECRETARIAT WAS ONLY TO SEEK ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF POSSIBILITIES. DUGIMONT FELT PERSONALLY THAT THE TARIFF COMMITTEE WOULD BE EXCEEDING ITS COMPETENCE IF IT TRIED TO COME UP WITH FORMULAE THAT WOULD AMOUNT TO PRENEGOTIATIONS. HE STATED THAT THE ISSUE OF MOST IMPORTANCE FOR THE COMMUNITY WAS THAT INTERNAL TRADE OF THE ENLARGED COMMUNITY BE TREATED TOGETHER IN THE TARIFF STUDY EVEN FOR THE YEARS BEFORE THE FORMATION OF THE ENLARGED COMMUNITY.

4. MISSION OFFICER, SPEAKING PERSONALLY, TOLD DUGIMONT THAT ANY EFFORT BY THE EC TO USE HARMONIZATION ISSUE TO EXTRACT UNILATERAL CONCESSIONS FROM THE US OR OTHER COUNTRIES WOULD BE HARMFUL TO THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. IN THE CURRENT CONTEXT NO NEGOTIATOR COULD CONSIDER THIS KIND OF PROPOSAL, AND ANY ATTEMPTS IN THE TARIFF STUDY WORKING PARTY OR ANY OTHER SUBORDINATE GROUP TO PREPARE THE WAY FOR PROPOSALS THAT PUT ASIDE OVERALL RECIPROCITY AS A PRIME GOAL WOULD BE TROUBLESOME.
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